

**Important Notice on New Restrictions
Related to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)**

1. On January 28, 2020, the Government of Japan designated Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) as a "Designated Infectious Disease" under the Infectious Diseases Act of Japan. Foreign nationals who are deemed as having been infected with COVID-19 shall be denied permission to land in Japan pursuant to the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act of Japan. As the Government of Japan also designated COVID-19 as a "Quarantinable Infectious Diseases" under the Quarantine Act of Japan, foreign nationals who are suspected of being infected with COVID-19 would be ordered to be quarantined with no exceptions for valid visa holders. (See page 4 for more details)
2. The Government of Japan also updated the restrictions on March 18, 2020. New restrictions will enter into force at 0:00am (JST) on March 19, 2020. Those who fall under any of the categories below are not permitted to land in Japan unless there are exceptional circumstances.
 - 1) Foreign nationals who have been physically present within the country or regions listed below in the 14 days prior to their arrival to Japan.

The People's Republic of China	The Hubei Province	The Zhejiang Province
The Republic of Korea	Daegu Metropolitan City The North Gyeongsang Province: Cheongdo County Andong City Chilgok County Seongju County	Gyeongsan City Yeongcheon City Uiseong County Gunwi County
The Islamic Republic of Iran	The Qom Province The Gilan Province The Isfahan Province The Markazi Province The Semnan Province The Lorestan Province	The Teheran Province The Mazandaran Province The Alborz Province The Qazvin Province The Golestan Province
The Italian Republic	The Lombardia Province The Marche Province The Valle d'Aosta Province The Emilia-Romagna Province The Friuli Venezia Giulia Province	The Veneto Province The Piemonte Province The Trentino Alto Adige Province The Liguria Province
The Republic of San Marino	The entire country	
The Republic of Iceland	The entire country	
The Kingdom of Spain	Autonomous Community of Navarre The Basque Country	The Community of Madrid The La Rioja Province
The Swiss Confederation	The Canton of Basel-Stadt	The Canton of Ticino

- 2) Foreign nationals who hold a Chinese passport issued in the Hubei Province or in the Zhejiang Province.
- 3) Foreign nationals who are onboard a passenger ship sailing for the purpose of entering Japanese ports and carry a risk of being infected by COVID-19.

3. Based on the "Criteria of Visa Issuance," visa applications of those who fall under any of the categories above will not be accepted unless there are exceptional circumstances. Visa applicants are required to submit a completed questionnaire (see page 5) on whether or not they have (or will have) been physically present within any of the areas listed above in the 14 days prior to their arrival to Japan.
4. Please note that those foreign nationals who retain a valid entry visa of Japan will not be considered an exception to the regulations mentioned above.
5. Any false declaration on the questionnaire will result in a refusal of visa issuance. In addition any new visa applications for the same purpose of visit will not be accepted for six months. A visa will be made null and void if such a false declaration is revealed after the visa has been issued. Any false declaration upon landing in Japan may be subject to punitive measures including imprisonment, the imposition of fines, the revoking of residential status and deportation from Japan.
6. The Government of Japan may change the travel restrictions without advance notice.

**Important Notice on Visa Restrictions
for Strengthening Border Security Measures
related to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)**

On March 6, 2020, the Government of Japan decided to drastically strengthen the border security measures against the spread of the Novel Coronavirus infections. THE restrictions were also updated on March 18, 2020 and March 23, 2020.

1. The validity of single entry visas and multiple entry visas, including diplomatic and official visas of Japan, which have been issued on/before March 20, 2020 by Embassies, Consulates-Generals and Consulates of Japan in the country/region listed below will be temporarily suspended.

The People's Republic of China (3/8)
The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (3/8)
The Macau Special Administrative Region (3/8)
The Republic of Korea (3/8)
The Vatican City State (3/20)
The Republic of Bulgaria (3/20)
The Principality of Monaco (3/20)
Romania (3/20)
The Schengen Area (3/20)

The Republic of Croatia (3/20)
The Republic of San Marino (3/20)
The Republic of Cyprus (3/20)
The Islamic Republic of Iran (3/20)
The Arab Republic of Egypt (3/20)
The Republic of Ireland (3/20)
The Principality of Andorra (3/20)
The United Kingdom (3/20)

2. The application of visa exemption arrangements for the country/region listed above will be temporarily suspended.
3. New restrictions will continue until April 30, 2020.

(February 13, 2020)

Government Initiatives Related to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

1. On February 13, the Government of Japan promulgated the “Cabinet Order for Designating Novel Coronavirus Infection as a Type of Infectious Disease Under Article 34 of the Quarantine Act” (Cabinet Order No. 28 of 2020) and the “Cabinet Order Partially Amending the Enforcement Order of the Quarantine Act” (Cabinet Order No. 29 of 2020).

2. Under these cabinet orders, the following measures stipulated in the Quarantine Act will be taken during quarantine upon arrival into Japan to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Japan.

*Please note that both suspected carriers of COVID-19 and carriers with no symptoms will be deemed as carriers of COVID-19.

(1) Isolation:

During quarantine, the quarantine chief or quarantine officer may isolate an individual who carries COVID-19. Those individuals may be hospitalized at medical institutions designated for infectious diseases.

(2) Detention:

During quarantine, the quarantine chief or quarantine officer may detain an individual who is suspected of carrying COVID-19. Those individuals may be hospitalized at medical institutions designated for infectious diseases, or detained in an accommodation facility or on a vessel.

(UPDATED on March 23, 2020)

New measures to drastically strengthen border control

1. Strengthened quarantine

People arriving from the country or regions listed below will be required to quarantine for 14 days and to refrain from using public transportation after entering Japan. You should secure accommodations where you can stay for 14 days and private transportation from the airport to your destination. These restrictions will (did) enter into force at 0:00am (JST) on the indicated date below and will be in effect until April 30, 2020.

The People's Republic of China (3/9)

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (3/9)

The Macau Special Administrative Region (3/9)

The Republic of Korea (3/9)

The Islamic Republic of Iran (3/21)

The Arab Republic of Egypt (3/21)

The Republic of Bulgaria (3/21)

The Principality of Monaco (3/21)

The Schengen Area (3/21)

The Republic of Ireland (3/21)

The Principality of Andorra (3/21)

The United Kingdom (3/21)

The Republic of Cyprus (3/21)

The Republic of Croatia (3/21)

The Republic of San Marino (3/21)

The Vatican City State (3/21)

Romania (3/21)

The United States (3/26)

2. Restriction on airports/ports

- (1) Aircraft: all passenger flights from the People's Republic of China or the Republic of Korea will be restricted to arriving at either Narita International Airport or Kansai International Airport.

- (2) Ship: suspension of all passenger transportation departing from the People's Republic of China or the Republic of Korea.

QUESTIONNAIRE

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NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

NATIONALITY: _____

PASSPORT NUMBER: _____

Please answer the following questions by checking the applicable boxes for each question.

Q1: Have you been physically present within any of the regions listed below in the 14 days prior to your arrival to Japan?

☐ Yes, I have ☐ No, I haven't

Q2: After receiving a visa, do you have plans to be physically present within any of the regions listed below in the 14 days prior to your arrival to Japan?

☐ Yes, I do ☐ No, I don't

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DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

*Signature must match the one on your passport

- Any false declaration above will result in a refusal of visa issuance. In addition new visa applications for the same purpose of visit will not be accepted for six months. A visa will be made null and void if such a false declaration is revealed after the visa has been issued.
- Any false declaration upon landing in Japan may be subject to punitive measures including imprisonment (up to three years), the imposition of fines (up to three million yen), the revoking of residential status and deportation from Japan.